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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE REACTION TO ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

1. PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES ARE GENERALLY PLEASED BY TENOR OF PROCEEDINGS IN PLENARY SESSIONS ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS, INSOFAR AS PHILIPPINE MUSLIM ITEMS CONCERNED. INDONESIAN FONMIN MALIK'S SPEECH WAS RECEIVED WITH CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION HERE, AND MALAYSIAN SILENCE ON PHILIPPINE SUBJECT WAS GENERALLY ATTRIBUTED TO INDONESIAN INTERCESSION, AS WELL AS EMBARRASSMENTS ATTENDANT UPON REPORTED MALAYSIAN IRREDENTISM IN SOUTHERN THAILAND AND BRUNEI.

2. ONLY SOUR NOTE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE OFFICIAL DISCOMFORT WITH LIBYAN CHARGES OF "GENOCIDE", ESPECIALLY IN STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEWSPAPER
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INTERVIEW WHICH HE GAVE TO "MELBOURNE AGE". PHILIPPINE

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FONSEC ROMULO PARTICULARLY OUTRAGED BY LATTER, WHICH WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT SEEN HERE.

3. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO PARTICIPATED IN MARCOS-SUHARTO MEETINGS IN MENADO, FELT MALAYSIAN FORBEARANCE WAS GOOD SIGN, AND EXPECTED IT WOULD LEAD TO MARCOS-RAZAK MEETING "ONCE THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE" IS OVER. HE SAID THAT INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR KUALA LUMPUR HAD BEEN CONDUCTING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON SUCH A MEETING AND FELT ONE WOULD BE POSSIBLE "IN JULY".

4. IN DISCUSSION IMPEDIMENTS TO MARCOS-RAZAK MEETING, INDONESIAN PLACED TUN MUSTAPHA AT HEAD OF LIST. HE SAID THAT MUSTAPHA CONSISTENTLY DISPARAGED KUALA LUMPUR AUTHORITY IN HIS CONTACTS WITH INDONESIANS AND SPOKE QUITE OPENLY OF SABAH'S DESIRE TO SECEDE FROM MALAYSIAN FEDERATION.

5. WITH REFERENCE TO MENADO MEETING, INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR INSISTED THAT NUR MISUARI DID NOT RPT NOT MEET DIRECTLY WITH SUHARTO, WHO DECLINED SUCH A MEETING AFTER HEARING MISUARI'S EXTREMIST VIEWS RELAYED THROUGH OTHER INDONESIAN OFFICIALS WHO DID MEET WITH HIM. SUHARTO REPORTEDLY FELT THAT MISUARI INSISTED ON FAR GREATER CONCESSIONS FROM MARCOS THAN MALAYSIANS HAD ASSURED HIM (AT PENANG MEETING) WOULD SATISFY PHILIPPINE MUSLIM LEADERS.
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